



Middletown Committee for the Arts
Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2010 at 5 pm

Gaudet School Library Aquidneck Avenue Middletown, RI 02842

Those in attendance were: Linda Phelan, Richard Cambra, Lisa Hensel, Susan Woythaler, Nancy McAuliffe, Carmela Geer, and Diana Skaggs

Those absent were: Amy Cordeiro, Diane Kerins, Diane Andrews, Carol Cummings

❖ Call to Order

- Linda Phelan called the meeting to order at 5:10PM
 - A formal resignation from Carol Cummings has been requested.

❖ Reading and Approval of September 13, 2010 Minutes

- The Minutes were approved with the correction: “Matt” Wainright. Linda made the motion to accept; Carmela 2nd; passed

❖ Old Business

- Update on Arts Survey by Carmela
 - Carmela gave out copies of the results of the survey so far—see handout
 - There is support for the Arts in Middletown
 - A total of 80 responses
 - Need to collect the “hard copies” from the various locations
- Final review of Logo
 - Diane was absent
- Website
 - Carmela has talked with Matt Wainright and he has agreed to host, put up and maintain a page for the Middletown Committee 4 the Arts
- Local Artist Identification
 - Send names/contact information/genre to Lisa for the “Middletown Artists Roster”
- Action Plan
 - Reviewed the goals and “action plans”
 - We seem to be “on target” with working on the action plans for our Arts Plan—concentrating on Goal #1
- Other Old business
 - none

❖ New Business

- Carmela shared the information about The Newport Children's Theatre planning to use the space at the Aquidneck Grange for their "home base". The Aquidneck Grange has a large open space with a wooden floor and a stage. They are working out an agreement with the Grange to raise \$35,000 to repair the roof and to meet fire codes and regulations. Linda Vars is the director of The Newport Children's Theatre. Kim Pacheco is on the board.
- Discussion regarding process and procedures of a Town Committee
 - Carmela will send the "Middletown Handbook for Boards & Committees" (PDF file) to the committee.
- Motion: To extend the Arts Survey to the Schools and the Senior Citizens Center by the December 2010 meeting. Made by Carmela; Linda 2nd; passed.

❖ Adjourn Meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 6:10PM
- Next meeting: Monday, November 8, 2010 5-6:30PM in the Library at Gaudet Middle School

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Woythaler, secretary

Please note: Someone will have to take minutes at the November meeting. Susan will be in Old Quebec City celebrating her 35th wedding anniversary!